

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP

Form 4

September 27, 2002

FORM 4 [] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940	OMB APPROVAL <hr/> OMB Number: 3235-0287 Expires: December 31, 2001 Estimated average burden hours per response. . . . 0.5
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Heffernan, Edward J. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> (Last) (First) (Middle) </div> 17655 Waterview Parkway <div style="text-align: center;">(Street)</div> Dallas, TX 75252-8012 <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> (City) (State) (Zip) </div>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Alliance Data Systems Corporation ADS	4. Statement for (Month/Year) September 2002	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> _____ Director _____ </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 10% Owner _____ </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer _____ </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Other _____ </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Officer/Other Description Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer </div>
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)			
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Filing <input type="checkbox"/> Joint/Group Filing			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned						
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code and Voluntary Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
		Code V	Amount A/D Price			
Common				38,000 (1)	D	

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)										
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code and Voluntary (V) Code (Instr.8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3,4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED) (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr.4)	10. Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.4)
			Code V		(DE) (ED)					
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$14.63	09/26/2002	A nbsp;nbsp;	(A) 70,000	varies (2) 09/26/2012	Common - 70,000	\$14.63	70,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.00				Varies (3) 05/25/2008	Common - 16,666		16,666	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.90				Varies (4) 05/06/2009	Common - 2,777		2,777	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$15.00				Varies (5) 08/31/2010	Common - 40,000		40,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$15.00				Varies (6) 10/08/2010	Common - 40,557		40,557	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$12.00				Varies (7) 06/08/2011	Common - 38,313		38,313	D	

Explanation of Responses :

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts _____
constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a). ** Signature of Reporting Person
Date

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See Instruction 6 for procedure.

**Attorney-in-Fact for
Edward J. Heffernan**

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FOOTNOTE Descriptions for Alliance Data Systems Corporation ADS

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Explanation of responses:

(2) The option is exercisable for 33% of the underlying shares on each of 9-26-03 and 9-26-04, and for 34% on 9-26-05.

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